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SUBJECT: US RECOGNITION OF THE GDR

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1. DURING LAST FEW WEEKS AT VARIOUS SOCIAL FUNCTIONS, GDR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE APPROACHED EMBOFFS REPEATEDLY ASKING WHY THE UNITED STATES WAS CONTINUING TO DRAG ITS FEET ON THE RECOGNITION QUESTION. THEIR STANDARD ARGUMENT HAS BEEN THAT IN FACT THE FRG, FRANCE AND THE UK HAVE ALL RECOGNIZED THE GDR AND AS BOTH GERMANYS WILL SOON BE ADMITTED TO THE UN, THEY DON' T UNDERSTAND THE RELUCTANCE ON OUR PART.

2. ON 3 APRIL AT THE HUNGARIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, CHARGE D' AFFAIRES KARL- HEINZ KERN APPROACHED EMBOFF AND IN 15- MINUTE DISCUSSION CLUNG TENACIOUSLY TO THIS THEME. REPEATING ABOVE ARGUMENTS, HE ADDED THAT OUR DELAY IN BEGINNING TO DISCUSS THE RECOGNITION OF THE GDR WAS PARTICULARLY DISTRESSING IN VIEW OF RECENT EVENTS. HE REFERRED TO BREZHNEV'S ANNOUNCED VISITS TO THE FRG AND THE UNITED STATES AND THE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS IN FACT EVEN SENDING THE EQUIVALENT OF A

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DIPLOMATIC MISSION TO THE PRC WHILE IGNORING THE GDR.
HE WAS SOMEWHAT DISMAYED TO FIND THAT WE COULD ESTABLISH
FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH THE USSR AND THE PRC BUT
APPARENTLY DID NOT FEEL THE TIME HAD COME TO RECOGNIZE
THE GDR.

3. COMMENT: AS KERN WAS STEERED TO US BY THE DIRECTOR
OF THE EASTERN EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT OF THE FCO, WE GOT
THE IMPRESSION THAT KERN WAS ASKING THE SAME QUESTIONS
OF HIM. WE HAVE HEARD THE GDR AND OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN
REPRESENTATIVES OUT ON THIS TOPIC WITHOUT COMMENT.

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